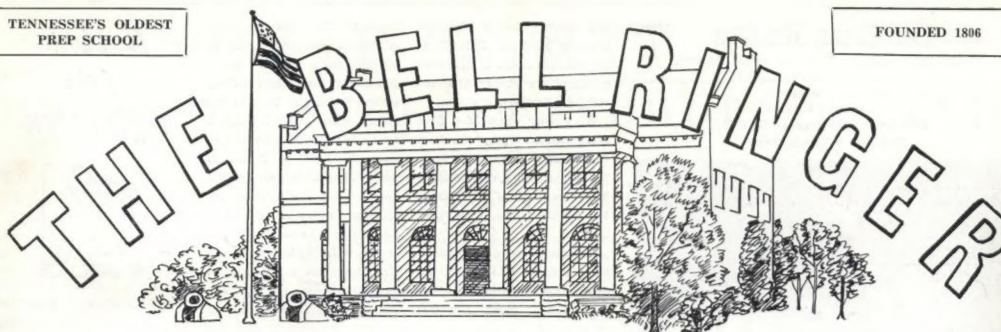


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SENIOR ROOM PLANNED FOR SPRING

For their project this year, the seniors have decided to convert the once-known coal room into a Senior room. This will be a room at the disposal of the seniors during the school day where they can gather, study or just talk. The work is coming along fine at the present. The walls are being scraped and cleaned and will soon be ready for painting. Many seniors such as Ed Voss, Billy Bainbridge, Seawell Brandau, Hampton Davis, and Bobby Lineberger have worked hard on the room during and after school. With the help of other seniors it shouldn't be too long before it will be completed. This room will be an improvement to the school, and will surely be enjoyed by this and every following senior class.

Kudos

Dr. Merrill Moore, class of 1920, well-known author, said in a recent interview, when asked where he received the inspiration for his writing, "My earliest inspiration came from Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Ball who had encouraged all the boys of MBA to write, even before the school moved from South Nashville to its present location." (Mr. Ball was headmaster from 1911 to 1942.)

Students Participating In Current Affairs Contest

NEW YORK, January 11. More than 100,000 students in over a thousand colleges and schools throughout the U. S. and Canada will participate this month in the 18th Annual TIME Magazine Current Affairs Contest.

Individual contest booklets are supplied by the newsmagazine, and to the ranking student in each class TIME will award a prize of a world globe, bronze medal or the winner's choice of an outstanding reference book.

News Quiz Began in 1934

The test was inaugurated in 1934 at the suggestion of Dr. Alvin C. Eurich, now Vice President of the Fund for the Advancement of Education of the Ford Foundation, and Mr. Elmo C. Wilson, now associated with International Public Opinion Research, Inc.

At that time Dr. Eurich, who

CHARTER MEMBERS OF TOTOMOI



Left to right: Bobby Lineberger, John Sloan, Bill Pfeiffer, Bobby Calton, Rob Lightfoot, Steve Wood, Carlin Rolfe, Seawell Brandau.

CHALFANT WINS TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS

Bert Chalfant recently won twenty-five dollars in the Lion Oil Essay Contest. A representative of the Lion Oil Company awarded the twenty-five dollars to Bert as well as twenty-five to Mrs. Bitzer, the senior English instructor, for the help that she gave him on his essay.

TOTOMOI MEMBERS TAPPED FEBRUARY 22nd

On Monday morning, February 22nd, the first eight members of the newly formed Totomoi Society were selected. Bobby Lineberger, Rob Lightfoot, John Sloan, Bill Pfeiffer, Carlin Rolfe, Bobby Calton, Steve Wood and Seawell Brandau were selected in a unique tapping ceremony by Bob McNeilly and Inman Fox. Bob and Inman, both graduates of M.B.A., in cooperation with Dr. Sager, had worked on this project very hard. They had drawn up the constitution and presented it to the members after the Assembly. This is primarily a society to honor the outstanding students of the Junior and Senior classes. To qualify, a boy must have two majors and one minor, or two minors and one major. Then he is voted upon by the members and if accepted is selected in a tapping ceremony. Juniors are tapped in the fall, and also in the spring for the next year.

The same morning, Rob Lightfoot was selected president of Totomoi. Bobby Lineberger was elected vice-president, and Bobby Calton secretary-treasurer.

HI-Y SPONSORS CLEAN-UP DRIVE

The Hi-Y Club is sponsoring a clean-up drive in the cafeteria, and so far we notice a bit of improvement. If the student body can but keep this up, it will be fine. After all, the doctors say exercise is good for the brain, and walking to the waste can may be helpful.

Let's support this project wholeheartedly, and keep our own lunchroom clean.

SCHOLASTIC MAGAZINE ANNOUNCES 1954 PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

Scholastic Magazine announces the annual Scholastic-Ansco Photography Awards in black and white and in color for 1954, now offered to teen-age photographers for the 27th year.

The Scholastic-Ansco Photography Awards are sponsored jointly by Scholastic Magazines and Ansco. 39 regional exhibitions throughout the nation will precede the judging of national winners. Deadlines for these exhibitions occur in January and February, 1954 and are listed in the rules booklet. National contest deadline is March 15, 1954.

Classifications, Scholarships, and Awards

The 1954 Scholastic-Ansco Photography Awards are open to all students regularly enrolled in public, private or parochial schools in the United States and its possessions:

Junior Division (7th, 8th, and 9th grades)—portraits, pets, school and community life, scenes.

Senior Division (10th, 11th, and 12th grades)—portraits, pets, school and community life, sports, scenes, still life.

FATHER-SON BANQUET HELD IN GYM

The annual Father and Son Banquet was held in December, in the M.B.A. Gymnasium, and will long be remembered as the day of days for them.

A delicious meal of barbecue and all the trimmings was prepared and served by Charlie Nickens.

Filled to the brim with choice foods, fathers and sons listened to Coach Owen discuss plans for the Peanut Bowl Game to be played in Columbus, Georgia, December 18th. Mr. Bill Morehead discussed reservations for hotel accommodations in Columbus and Mr. Zach Coles made plans for a chartered airplane for those who would like to fly down for the game.

Mr. James Sanders, an accomplished magician, dazzled and amazed the spectators with his performance of magic. The least one could say is that Mr. Sanders is really great with the art of magic.

All good things must come to an end, so the fathers discussed buying a new water heater for the school and installing a water sprinkler on the football field.

Color Division (7th through 12th grades)—portraits, pets, scenes, still life.

A scholarship to the Art Center School, Los Angeles, California is open to those seniors whose portfolios of not more than 20 nor less than 8 photographs show the most promise.

National awards offered by Ansco are \$50, \$25, and \$15 for the first three awards in each of the 14 different classifications. These awards are doubled by Ansco in any instance where a winning photograph is taken on Ansco film. Sylvania will also duplicate the basic cash awards whenever a photographer uses a Sylvania flashbulb in making his award-winning picture. As a special award for all-around ability in flash photography, Sylvania offers three cases of flashbulbs.

Students must submit photographs enlarged to a minimum of 8 x 10 inches and mounted on a single piece of white board 16 x 20 inches with no markings on the front.

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CLASS NEWS

Grade School News

The Microbes started basketball practice several months ago. They had their first game with a big Julia Andrews' team and lost 35 to 20. Frankie Crowell was the leading scorer for the Reds, sinking 11 points. Superior rebounding and excellent floor shooting contributed to the Andrews' win. In the second game we lost to Stokes 36 to 28. The little Red was ahead 6 to 5 at the 1st quarter, but couldn't hit during the rest of the game. Dickey Husband was the leading Red scorer with 8 points. In our next game we met Robertson Academy. The little Red lost 51 to 21. Frankie Crowell was again the leading scorer for the Red with 7 points.

In the demerit column Muse has passed everyone in the Junior school. He got 20 demerits in one jump, thanks to a certain boy.

Flash! Caldwell and Vander Vlugt start a still. School population decreases.

Scandal! Miss Thompson calls Hayes her "lovey-dovey."

McClellan makes hundred in spelling. Class faints. Who had their book open?

Muse makes 10 on English paper—and he's on the privileged list!

Burch seen often in demerit hall.

Spencer Iverlet acquires the name "Bouncer".

Steinbaugh tells joke using

"yamdankie" in history class. Mas Thompson grins.

The boys on the privileged list in the eighth grade are: Jonnie Muse, Willo Collins, Roger Peek, David Waller, Edgar Vaden, Robert White and Tony Edmonds.

In the Seventh grade are: Guy McClellan, Bobby Raiford, Warner Bass, Frankie Crowell, Tommy Sloan, Tom Stephens, Lee Burch, Stephen Garret, Bullets Gillespie and Dan Murray.

Freshmen News

The town of Oak Ridge will never be the same after being hit by the General Science class of M.B.A.

Many things happened such as the girls in the same hall with 48 boys. Mr. Winstead had to work pretty hard to keep the Gen. Sci. boys quiet. Mrs. Sims accused "Skin Head" Beard of pushing notes under the girls' door. His comment, "Who squealed?"

Tommy Barksdale and Allen Bryan had a few words concerning glass tubes with ether inside, "You buy them! we'll break 'em!"

Ransom white didn't enjoy the trip back from Oak Ridge. After sitting almost under the seat he matched pennies at a loss of \$.26.

A certain boy who occupied a room next to the girls was seen with a mirror sticking out the door. What was it for? Guess!

The Freshmen on the Junior Varsity Basketball Team have played very well in the recent games. They are Jodie Wallace,

Bill Hunter, Runcie Clements, Courtney Marshall, Buddy Foxall, and Rob Ledyard. Freshmen managers are Jimmy Thurman and John Brothers.

We wonder where Mrs. Sims gets all her news? She talks about one freshman in particular, Jodie Wallace. Usually she mentions Tillie's name along with Jodie's. Why? Well, maybe Avis Parva told her.

T. Herbert becomes confident in his ability as a scientist. He leaves a soap experiment over the flame and it blows. Dig that nervous cat!

Sam Boyer, "Perma-lube" Roberts, and "Deacon" Lasseter were supposed to be distilling water in the lab, but what was the other stuff we saw you mix with it, and why did you keep going to the door? Looking for Revenuers?

Mark Garrett has given the school some shades to keep down the glare in the Science room. I don't think they will help much if Reed gives Mr. Winstead another tie with such a "primitive" arrangement of colors.

Who was the girl from Memphis that George Sloan paid so much attention to at the SAP dance?

Sophomore News

Exam time having been here, we find that most of the noble sophomores poured over the books in an effort to pass the term. The midnight oil has been burning but everyone will agree it was well worth it.

As Mr. Younger saw Leu combing his "ducks" he came out with the statement: "John has got a sweetie! How about it, John?"

Many of the sophs have been dating freshmen, as for instance Dick Sager and Lynn Voss, Whit Watson and Patricia Champion, "Bar-bells" Kimbrough and Dawn Shaffer. Another "Cassanova" of the sophomore class is John McDougall.

Some of you who haven't been going to the basketball games might like to know that we're doing pretty good. Hope to see more of you there. (With dates).

Some things that lots of us would like to know are: What happened to Beagle Beak's band? What really happened to Black Boy Morehead's pants? How did Bulldog have his wreck? Who does Shinbaby go with now? How come Magna Tweezers gets his car all the time? Who killed Cock Robin? How did Teeny Weeny get his name? If anyone knows the answers to any of these please see yours truly at the entrance of Woodlawn Cemetery Tuesday night at midnight.

Junior News

Walker is proud of himself as his English grades get into the

two digits. Davis is disappointed as Spanish grade doesn't stay in the three digits. There's a rumor that Cassidy was caught parking with that girl he took to the library. How about it Hoppy? School has a solid week of potatoes for lunch as Overall is seen with a little extra pocket money. Welch also furnishes the lunchroom with wholesale grape-juice. City shocked as Porter gets his valuables back from Lou. Mrs. Bitzer starts term papers. McDaniels writes on "The Advantages and Disadvantages of Alcoholic Beverages". 1954 cars come out. Cummins exclaims, "They look just like the 47's." Coles gets an air-conditioning unit for his jeep. Goodman buys razor from the International Harvester Company. Teas signs contract with the Globe Trotters. Dobson blows hand off with a cherry bomb and exclaims, "I didn't think it would do anything." What has been heard lately from Bill and Jo Ann, Al and Linda, Johnny Brick and Lucy, Sam and Lou, Mack and Ann, Ed and Ann, Charley and Lisa? Mrs. Bitzer is still having trouble with Cummins' remarks.

Termite is caught trying to eat Mr. Winstead's desk. Exclaims Mr. W., "Here, that's no way for a Scientist to act. Try dissolving it in HCL or H₂SO₄." Somebody ask Overall why Mrs. Sager says he has too much energy. Flash! Miller gets flat top and barber has to call in truck to move his cut-off hair. Who is the boy that Dr. Sager said spends his time lifting weights instead of getting his lessons? Well, fellow students, that's all the news for now. See you next issue.

Senior News

Mid-term exams are over and some of us barely made it, some of us didn't make it at all. . . . Good times were had by all at the Peanut Bowl. Ask "Ward" Armistead and "Conrad" Voss about the "Skyline Club". . . . Dick Anderson, the TCU flash, is loudly protesting the newly installed toll gates on the far side of the Jefferson Street Bridge. . . . Rolfe gives economics class pop quiz. . . . Sherman Bilingaly, fearing competition, buys 51% interest in the Senior house; a real steal at 75c. . . . Davis gets long awaited haircut, is surprised to find that his ears are all shriveled up from lack of sunshine. . . . "Orange Blossom" Martin seen entering the lower lobby of the Maxwell House; WMAK. . . . Kennedy's new theme song, "Give Me a Blond; I'm Tired of Squeezing Blackheads" . . . Faculty begins to suspect as Thomerson's leg only aches on test days. . . . "Tiny" Reuther is still spreading terror. . . . Calton cinches Physics Medal. . . . That's all for now, see you at the "Montana Club."

Bottom of the Afternoon



By Blue La Rue

Well I see that everyone has just about recovered from the exams. Ruth hands in Senior English exam in one hour. The rest of the Seniors were just passing the half way mark. Mr. Winstead gives five hour exam in three hours. Mr. Rule gets revenge by giving Solid exam that only eight Seniors passed. Rolfe gets poled in Hume-Fogg game. Riot starts. M.B.A. suffers several casualties. Davis jumps over chair in Honor Room—chair goes one way, Davis the other. Davis falsely accused of making a disturbance. Davis exclaims, "It was them." Bruno gets Buick. Bruno unjustly accused of speeding. Pfeiffer falls in love—is now ringed, pinned, jacketed, scarfed, and sweated. Senior class attacks Bar Bell Ridley. Senior class is beaten. Mr. Wise feels Ruth's muscle? Mrs. Bitzer faints as Voss makes 39 on English test. Hardcastle rigs up P. A. system, Hands speaker to Martin. Martin says, "Holiday, everybody go home." Dr. Sager kindly donates World War I air raid shelter for Senior room. Seniors learn Monday morning that they are to visit the water-works that afternoon. What happened to our grapevine? That's all for this issue; so long 'till the next.



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MAROONS SUFFER "SUDDEN DEATH"

M.B.A. OVERPOWERS
EAST 52-45

On Friday the twenty-seventh, M.B.A. defeated top-seeded East at Lipscomb's gym. This game was the semi-finals of the 18th District tournament. M.B.A. had no trouble with East's all-court pressing defense, which netted very few stolen balls, built up a 31-16 lead, and held on for the victory. East had one of its coldest nights of the season and even All-Nashville guard Ozzie Reynolds could never get started, as M.B.A.'s calm, slow-down tactics in the final period prevented any sustained Eagle attack.

In the final minutes of play, East did pull up to a 37-40 score, but the Maroons maintained the edge on some clutch goals by Tom Frist and key free throws by Carlin Rolfe and Dick Anderson.

Rolfe's rebounding was terrific throughout, and he contributed 13 points. Anderson was high man with 15, and Frist was third with 12.

The last stages of this game were indeed thrilling. The basketball team knew that they would have to play well to win, and they certainly came through well.

"B" TEAM HAS
SUCCESSFUL SEASON

The M.B.A. "B" Team had its most successful season in many years when it went through an undefeated season. The team lost its final game of the year to East in the 18th District finals. Led by Mac Rolfe and Billy Hunter, who made All-Tournament, the team downed many of the top teams in the League.

The first five were Henry Hurt, Ivan Brown, Phil Williams, Mac Rolfe, and Billy Hunter. Capable reserves were Jodie Wallace, Runcie Clements, Buddy Foxall, Courtney Marshall and Dickie Martin.

Robert McNeilly did a fine job in sending his boys through their undefeated season.

MAROON CAGERS HAVE GREAT SEASON

The M.B.A. Cagers had its most successful season since 1950. In League games it posted a brilliant record, losing only 2 while winning 12. For the whole season, they won 17 and lost 3. In the first game, they surprised Central, and continued to win five straight before losing to West. After the West defeat they started another winning streak, and West broke it, also.

During Christmas vacation, the Maroons journeyed to Cookeville, Tennessee to play in the Livingston Invitational Tournament. In their first game, they upset Cookeville and lost in the semi-finals to Gainsboro. M.B.A. was the only team to beat Cookeville all year.

Carlin Rolfe, who made nearly 50% of his shots all year, ended the regular season with 251 points. Whit Watson was highest with 261. Anderson, with 187 and Martin with 180, rounded out most of the scoring.

The Maroon team, composed of Tommy Frist, Jimmy Martin, Carlin Rolfe, Dick Anderson, Whit Watson, Bert Chalfant, Turner Williams, Ed Holt, John Craig, Pete Thompson, Mac Rolfe,

and Bob Calton, were runners-up to West in the 18th District.

Carlin Rolfe made 3rd string All-City, 1st string All-18th District, and All-Tournament in the 18th District. Following Rolfe, were Whit Watson and Dick Anderson. Watson made honorable mention All City. Anderson made honorable mention All City and All Tournament in the 18th District.

The Harding Road Five racked up the highest point total of any team this season. In their last game of the season, they scored 90 points against T.I.S.

The team was hampered with injuries all season. John Craig and Bob Calton were out for 3 to 5 weeks with gland infections. Other minor injuries were spread out over the season.

Whit Watson and Tom Frist will more than likely be the best guards in the city in two years. Both boys are sophomores and should improve in the next few years.

Sam Porter, Mac Brothers, and Tom Husband have done a swell job as managers.

The Team wants to thank all persons trying to create school spirit. Now that M.B.A. is back in the winner's column, the school spirit should come along behind it. So let's go all out and back our team.



Calton's pass evades West defender

Even though defeated in a "sudden death" overtime decision Saturday evening in the David Lipscomb Memorial Gymnasium, the student body and spectators admitted it to be the finest game the Maroons have performed this year. Each team possessed such good control of the ball that the score never differed more than five points.

The first quarter warmed up both teams and ended with the score 6-6. Each was out to get the other, and during the second quarter, the points relayed back and forth, finally finishing in a close margin of 17-15 in favor of West. Again as the third quarter began, both teams were trying to pull out into a comfortable lead, but due to excellent ball handling, M.B.A. led with a close 29-28 margin in the close of the third period. The fourth quarter was murder for both sides! In the last few seconds, the score was 34-34. West gained control of the ball and tried for the last shot. French drove; the ball took the rim but rolled right out.

This meant an overtime. While each team was worming its way for the deciding points, no one connected, so the decision was a sudden death overtime. The first team to score would take home the trophy. It was French with a simple left underhanded push that meant the game. How he got it away from three men around him, no one knows—but that's the way the ball rolls.

Captain Carlin Rolfe and Dickie Anderson received the honor of being chosen on the "All Tournament" team. The student body and faculty wish to congratulate them. With these and Frist, Craig, Martin, Calton and Watson we have at M.B.A. the team of the year!

M.B.A. CAGE RECORD FOR SEASON

M.B.A.	63	Central	49
M.B.A.	56	Hume Fogg	47
M.B.A.	79	B.G.A.	43
M.B.A.	49	Peabody	33
M.B.A.	43	West	51
M.B.A.	75	Lipscomb	39
M.B.A.	74	North	43
M.B.A.	69	Peabody	36
M.B.A.	53	Hume Fogg	50
M.B.A.	85	Howard	52
M.B.A.	68	T.I.S.	47
M.B.A.	62	North	47
M.B.A.	46	West	51
M.B.A.	61	B.G.A.	50
M.B.A.	43	Lipscomb	28
M.B.A.	64	Howard	51
M.B.A.	90	T.I.S.	52

LIVINGSTON INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

M.B.A.	61	Cookeville	53
M.B.A.	48	Gainsboro	52

18th DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

M.B.A.	55	T.I.S.	51
M.B.A.	52	East	45
M.B.A.	34	West	36
Total:	1330	Opponents	1006
Average per game:	60.5	Opponents	45.7

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Personalities of the Month



Dick Anderson

When the subject comes to schools, Dickie has really been around. He has attended Farmer, Woodmont, Highland Heights, and Ransom before coming to M.B.A. He started here in the seventh grade.

As a result of being an exceptional athlete, Dick will have a total of ten athletic letters when he graduates. During his freshman year, he played tennis and J. V. basketball. His sophomore activities were also tennis and J. V. basketball. In his junior year Dick played quarterback on the football team and saw action on the varsity basketball team. On the tennis team he played as number five man. This, his senior year, Dickie made All-Weekly several times by starring in the football games. He has played excellent basketball, always showing a sportsmanlike desire to win. This spring he will be captain of the tennis squad. Dick is decidedly one of M.B.A.'s finest athletes.

Dickie is also a member of the Bell Ringer Staff, and he serves it as the Sports Editor. He is a member of the Delta Sigma Fraternity which he serves as secretary.

Among his likes and dislikes are:

Favorite meal: Fried chicken
Favorite subject: History
Disliked subject: English grammar.

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Steve Wood

Steve Wood has been chosen as one of the month's personalities. Steve, a senior, came to M.B.A. from Woodmont; and has had a fine record since his freshman year.

During his freshman and sophomore years, he played center and fullback on the J. V. football squad.

Because of his outstanding scholarship and leadership characteristics, Steve is a member of many student organizations. Among these are the Key Club, Hi-Y Club, which he serves as Vice-President, and the Senior Honor Society. Steve is also a very good speaker and a member of the Freedom Forum. Recently he, along with seven other seniors, was tapped for membership in the Totomoi Club.

Steve has contributed much to the athletics of M.B.A. During the football season, he announced the home games; and during the basketball season, Steve ran the clock. He has also done a fine job in sponsoring Pep Week, getting the student body up for key football games.

Steve serves as Vice-President of the Kappa Phi Fraternity, and he plans to go to Sewanee next year.

Among his likes and dislikes are:

Favorite meal: Steak
Favorite subject: English Literature
Disliked subject: Spanish
Favorite movie star: Terry Moore.

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John Hardcastle

After attending Farmer school for eight years, John came to M.B.A. as a freshman. His activities have been many since his coming here.

John has been one of the school's top speakers, having been active on the Freedom Forum and the debating team. He is a member of the Key Club, and he serves as President of the Student Council. He is president of the Nashville Senior High Presbytery. John is also a member of the Alpha Chi Fraternity, which he serves as treasurer. He played Junior Varsity football during his freshman and sophomore years, and in his junior year, he played on the Varsity team.

John has been one of the school's top supporters, for he speaks at the Pep rallies, and he played records at the football and basketball games.

Among his likes and dislikes are:

Favorite subject: English Literature
Disliked subject: Physics
Favorite meal: Steak

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Girl of the Month



Lissa Luton

For this issue Miss Lissa Luton has been selected as our "Girl of the Month". She is fifteen years old and a junior at Harpeth Hall. Lissa attends Westminster Presbyterian Church and is a member of the Youth Fellowship there.

At Harpeth Hall she is a member of the Ecovasin Club and serves it as treasurer. Lissa is a member of the Latin, French, and Art Clubs, secretary-treasurer of the Penstaff Club and vice-president of the Athletic Association. She is also a member of the SAP Club.

This year Lissa was selected as one of our cheerleaders and she has really done a swell job. She is always a friend of M.B.A. and many congratulations go to her, our "Girl of the Month."

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Will Someone Please Tell Me:

(By the ones who don't know)

1. Who is the most "slew-footed" — J. Barksdale or Tune.
2. How many students have signed up on Holt's first rocket trip to the moon.
3. About Hurt's fan club.
4. Why 200 lb. Sutton doesn't play football.
5. Why Muse always has ink on him.
6. How Mrs. B. thinks up those Senior English tests.
7. Why T. Sloan didn't catch on to Mr. Sanders' tricks.
8. Why Mr. Wise is always seen throwing acorns at students after lunch.
9. How McIntosh read 100 pages in 600 page novel and made 82.
10. What Senator Earl Miller thinks about the present political administration.
11. What hours Hugh and Willie will serve mint juleps in the new Senior room.
12. Whether Clarke Woodfin is still dating that slick West junior, Zelda Glutt.

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